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What Are We Doing At Fathom Five?

The key mandate of Fathom Five Provincial Park is the protection of the aquatic resource. To this end, the park maintains a number of public information and diver safety programs.

Documentation of wreck sites, significant historical structures and occasional archaeological projects provide informative drawings and educational material for visitors. In addition, our knowledge of design and ship building techniques over the years is increased. Park staff are assisted in these efforts by volunteers from the Ontario Underwater Council and the Friends of Fathom Five Park, a co-operating citizens association.

As well, protective mooring buoys are placed on many wreck sites to prevent anchor damage and to act as aids to locate the sites by visiting divers. One of our sites, the schooner "SWEEPSTAKES", has been structurally strengthened by volunteers from the Ontario Underwater Council to enhance visitor enjoyment and safety.

Protection of the shipwrecks is also ensured by park staff through the enforcement of the Provincial Parks Act and Regulations. Patrols are conducted on a regular basis.



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How Can You Help?

As concerned citizens, we all have a responsibility to ensure that the diverse "time capsules" of our past survive for future generations to enjoy and appreciate.

How Can You Help?

AWARENESS of our maritime heritage and its importance is the first step.

SUPPORT of both professional and volunteer organizations is encouraged.

Simply put, PROMOTE education and protection; DISCOURAGE destruction!

ONTARIO'S MARINE LEGACY IS IN YOUR HANDS.

PLEASE HELP!!!

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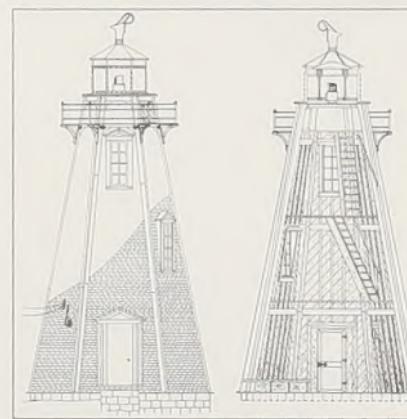
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These disasters however, have contributed countless submerged archaeological sites to our marine heritage. These priceless "time capsules" together with such marine features as canal systems, wireless radio outposts and a wide range of navigational structures, add considerable significant colour to our history.

Today, many of these resources are being protected and studied in detail so that we may better understand and relate their contribution to our development both as a province and nation. However, other sites both on land and in the water are being indiscriminately destroyed by those who are unaware of their importance to the citizens of this province.

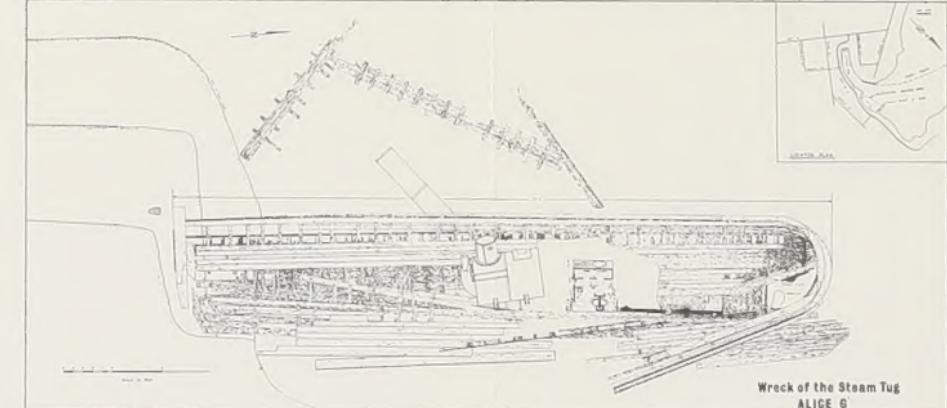
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Fathom Five Provincial Park

Tobermory, a small community lying at the tip of the Bruce Peninsula, is representative of the early great lakes maritime past. A significant part of Ontario's history rests both above and below the waters of Georgian Bay and Lake Huron adjacent to the rugged Niagara Escarpment coastline.

Since 1971, a large portion of the lake bed in this area has been maintained as Fathom Five Provincial Park, the first and only one to date with a primary emphasis on the aquatic environment and its associated natural and cultural resources. Today, Fathom Five offers a variety of recreational activities and opportunities to view historic shipwrecks representing most types of vessels in use on the lakes since the early 19th century.



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Why Be Concerned About Protection?
Historic sites are a non-renewable resource. Once they are gone, they are gone forever. Where they exist, they provide a unique opportunity to learn more of the people and times now past.

Through a variety of programs concentrating on research, documentation, protection and education, our knowledge of this vital link to the past is increased. Subsequently the future of Ontario's marine legacy can be ensured for Ontario citizens and their guests.



Who Is Doing This?

Providing both protection and education is of concern to many agencies. Government bodies such as Parks Canada, and in Ontario, the Ministries of Citizenship and Culture and Natural Resources are the primary directors of these efforts. In addition, a variety of enthusiastic volunteer groups such as the Ontario Underwater Council, the Ontario Marine Heritage Committee, Preserve Our Wrecks and Save Our Shipwrecks are conducting research, undertaking licenced field studies and actively promoting educational programs throughout the province.